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- ☐ Copies of the cited references are enclosed except those entered in prior application, U.S. Application No. [], to which priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 is claimed. [The earlier application contains copies of the cited references.]
- ☐ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
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- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
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 - ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
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